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²"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." Mat. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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BUILDING RISES OUT OF THE GROUND



The multipurpose building rises out of the ground.

There is excitement across the country because of what is currently being done in Holmes County Mississippi. What started as a hill with scores of virgin trees and winding trails, then was leveled and dug out, is now being developed into a beautiful building. Last month The Whole Truth photos depicted a foundation and basement floor. Now the walls are going up around the project. Sitting on Holy Hill is a magnificent structure which bespeaks the dreams of Presiding Bishop L.H. Ford. The earth is receiving a majestic building that will add wonderfully to the wooded and rustic horizon of Mississippi. From the highway, all of Holmes County can see the Church Of God In Christ is on the move.

Presiding Bishop Louis Henry Ford and the building committee made another inspection of the construction site. Bishop Ford raised a dozen questions to the architect, Brother Oscar Bacon and the chief of construction, Elder Steve Jamison. The two craftsmen walked the grounds on a cold late February day and informed the building committee about the progress of the work. It had been very difficult footing due to a previous day's rainstorm. The mud was ankle deep and the wind was blowing very hard on the top of the hill. Still, the men were very enthusiastic and they eagerly anticipated knowing the facts about the building. The sight of the building taking shape was awe inspiring to Bishop W.L. Porter, Bishop T.T. Scott, Bishop W.W. Sanders, Elder A.Z. Hall and others who were on hand for the inspection.

The building and grounds were meticulously inspected from every angle. The entire day was given to examination of the design and follow through of every point. Bishop Ford said, "The progress of this effort must be continued and developed according to design." The prelate was generally pleased with the work and communed with the crew members who labored in the difficult muddy surroundings. Bishop Ford was a source of encouragement to them all. With a large number of the crew being members of the Church Of God In Christ, their seeing and hearing the leader of the Church on site was lifting.

During the April Call Meeting, the General Assembly has been notified by Dr. Frank Ellis to travel with he and the Presiding Bishop to Lexington, Mississippi and get a first hand look at the building progress. The spectre of seeing the building rising up out of the ground should make believers of every delegate.

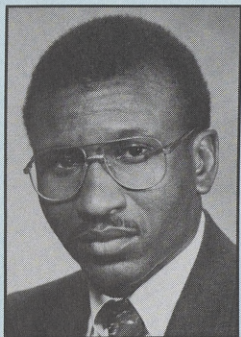
The future is taking shape now in Lexington. The saints will have a facility which could be open and productive in the near future. Youth from around the nation could have an opportunity for Christian education and a second chance at life. If the Church Of God In Christ cannot provide this open door of advancement, who can? Bishop Ford has placed the Church into a renewed role as potential educators. As the building rises out of the ground, so do the hopes and aspirations of countless youths who may have never known opportunity. Certainly, the continued prayers and monetary support of the saints are vital and surely the Lord will provide.



Bishop Ford and the brain trust check and recheck the figures.

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EDITORIAL THINK and THANK!



Dr. David Hall

Obviously the Church Of God In Christ is a fountain of praise. One of the beautiful elements of our worship is the open and free expression people have in the spirit. In a book I've recently shared with a local preacher, I found an interesting concept about praise to God which was very refreshing. *Praising and Knowing God* by Daniel W. Hardy and David F. Ford introduced praise in an insightful and logical method. They traced the elements of praise through its biblical, traditional, current and possible future orientations as they related about people knowing God.

The duo presented praise as an overflow, freedom and generosity that initiates from the saints in response to a blessing from God. Praise is an affirming expression in worship that God receives because of His goodness toward us.

After thinking about the book, I decided the old saints long ago suggested how and why we praise God. Remember the song "Just Think Of His Goodness." We saints are aware that God is worthy of praise because of His goodness. Revelations 4:11 reads, "Thou art worthy O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." Lastly, the scripture supports the necessity of praise in Hebrews 13:15-16, "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Our Pentecostal tradition, according to the authors of the book, is a modern manifestation of praise. I like to think about our tradition as being started on the day of Pentecost. Pentecostalism is more than praise, it is our filling, our empowerment to witness and the God given ability to live free and separated from sin. Surely, having such a spiritual presence within is something to praise God about.

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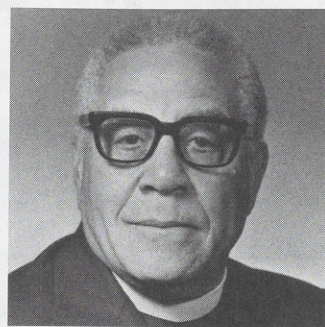
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Dear Saints:

Holy greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus!

I am especially pleased to greet you in this issue of *The Whole Truth* because it tells the story of the great progress we are making in Lexington, Mississippi, with the erection of the Deborah Mason Patterson Multi-Purpose Hall.

During my last visit, the workmen had finished most of the lower level and were preparing to pour the concrete for the main floor. It is simply fascinating to watch "our" building go up. I emphasize "our" because I realize none of this would have been done without God helping us through you, and I want you to know that I appreciate you very much.

In the days ahead, we are expecting to enlarge our ministries. As we plan and work toward reaching the hopeless and helpless of the world, I urge you to lend me your support. Together we can make a difference in the lives of our fellowman.

If every credential holder would adhere to the request made of them and "every" layman give their \$12.00 donation, our work would move along much faster.

Your Church is looking to you for help with the work of the Lord and remember "the Lord's work requires haste."

Until we next meet, may the Lord be with you and grant you His peace.

Sincerely,

L.H. Ford
Presiding Bishop
Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

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The Judiciary Screening Committee has completed the work mandated by the General Assembly. Listed below, in their respective houses, are the official candidates for the forth coming election to the history making first Judiciary Board of the Church Of God In Christ.

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During this session of the General Assembly the election will be conducted Wednesday evening, April 8, 1992.

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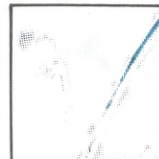
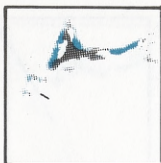
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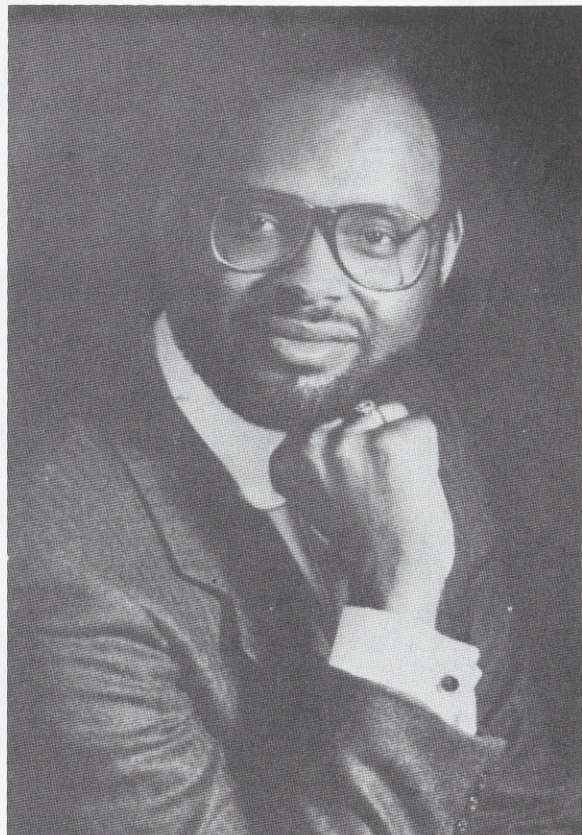
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THE OBITUARY

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

II Corinthians 5:1



REVEREND OTIS T. MASSEY, was born on September 28, 1947 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Otis and Vera B. Massey. He quietly slipped into eternal life on the morning of February 3, 1992 in the Abington Hospital.

His religious training began at the age of seven when his godmother brought him to the Gospel Light Church under the leadership of the Late Bishop A.C. Wilson. Through her training and teaching, he grew spiritually and was called to the ministry at the age of fifteen.

Reverend Massey received his formal education in the Philadelphia Public Schools. He earned a degree in elementary education from the Cheyney State College and a Master's Degree in Education from Temple University. He taught in the Philadelphia Public Schools for twelve years. He also received a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Jameson Bible Institute.

In November 1974, Reverend Massey married Helen Koger. Their union was blessed with two sons, Jorrell and Maurice. Together they engaged in church work and dedicated their lives to serving God.

Following a God-given vision, Reverend Massey opened a mission church at 3619 North 22nd Street in 1974. Through prayer, faith, hard

work and strong determination, Reverend Massey and congregation outgrew their initial edifice and in June 1979, moved to their present location at 34 East Sharpnack Street.

Reverend Massey served the Lord in many capacities. He was Supervisor of the Junior Church Department and National President of the Youth Department of his former church. He was Chairman of the State Adjutancy Department, Chairman of Time and Place Committee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Jurisdiction, Executive Director of the Charles Harrison Mason Foundation COGIC, Inc., Treasurer for the National Business and Professional Organization of COGIC, National Director of Scholastic Motivation Ministries (UNAC), Committee Member of the National Board of Education, COGIC, Organized the National Bible Bowl, Oratorical Contest and Spelling Bee Competitions, Member of National Fine Arts Department, Coordinator for Presiding Bishop's Benefit Dinner, Member of Presiding Bishop's Commission on the History of the COGIC, Charter Overseer with National Adjutant Corporation. He received the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Award in 1973. He was listed in Outstanding Young Men of America in 1981.

Reverend Massey as an educator and a staunch advocate for the education of young minds. He set aside time for recognition of educational achievements and encouraged young people to strive for excellence. Under his leadership, a scholarship committee was formed to assist young people who were pursuing a college education. His personal accomplishments provided a positive role model for young people to emulate.

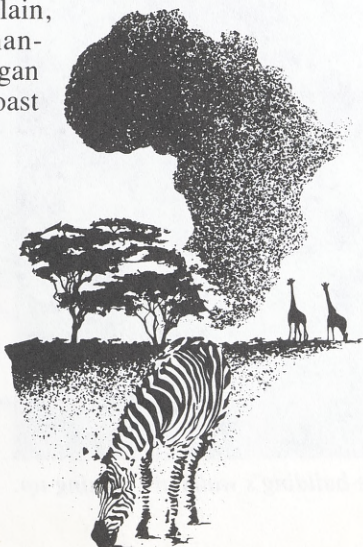
Reverend Massey continuously gave God praise, honor, and glory for the great things He had done. His foremost aim was to direct souls to God and the beauty of holiness. He taught the church not to be frigidly formal nor foolishly frantic, but to be fervently fundamental, earnest evangelical, and purely Pentecostal. He admonished us, as people called of God, to be about the Lord's business. He often reminded us that the day was far spent and that night was swiftly approaching.

While we recognize that sickness and death are the common lot of all mankind, we cannot help but believe that Reverend Massey's passing bears a special message and purpose for his church family. In his sickness, countless thousands of the Lord's people everywhere were united in prayer that he would be healed. Though clearly, this was not the will of God, we believe many may be reconciled to each other in a fellowship of peace and united service. We tried desperately to hold him, but he was called by his Heavenly Father and we now hear him saying, "... Hinder me not, seeing the Lord hath prospered my ways; send me away that I may go to my Master." Genesis 24:56

COGIC CHAPLAIN ASSISTED HALEY BURIAL



Alex Haley was buried in Henning, Tennessee. His final resting place is in front of the historic Haley Home. Chaplain, Lieutenant Commander Samuel E. Morgan was the Official Coast Guard Representative assisting in the burial. He presented the late author's wife of 18 years the flag that covered his casket.



HOMEGOING OF MOTHER QUEEN ESTHER FORD GRIDIRON



QUEEN ESTHER FORD was born to Cleveland Ford and Chaney Joiner on September 18, 1920, in Clarksdale, Mississippi, the youngest of eleven children.

At an early age, she accepted the Lord as her personal Saviour and was filled with the Holy Ghost.

She began elementary school in the State of Mississippi and continued her education and completed high school in Chicago, Illinois. After moving to California, she completed her college education majoring in Business Administration at California State University and was a California resident since 1942.

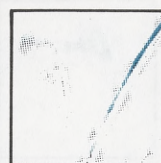
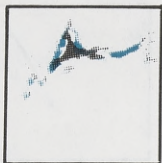
In 1957, she was married to the late George Crowley Jennings. To this marriage was added a boy child, George Crowley Jennings, Jr. She was a faithful member of Page Temple Church Of God In Christ where she served in the King's Daughter and the Choir.

On March 1, 1974, she was married to Elder Justus Mason Gridiron, Sr. She served faithfully for 17 years as a pastor and superintendent's wife. She was also active in the national, state and local auxiliaries of the Church Of God In Christ. Her motto was "nothing is impossible."

Mother Gridiron served as Supervisor of Women, California Jurisdiction Unlimited, Bishop B.R. Benbow; District Missionary to Bishop R.M. Clark; Executive Cabinet of Mother E. Nash; Executive Committee of Bishop George D. McKinney; National and State Hospitality; and Church Administrator of Mt. Zion Church Of God In Christ of All Nations. Her gifts were many and she will be remembered as a church worker, giving encouraging words to everyone and never missing an opportunity to serve.

Mother Gridiron went home to be with the Lord on January 1, 1992 and leaves to cherish: her husband, Superintendent Justus Mason Gridiron, Sr.; son, George Jennings; three sisters, Mrs. Rosie Mae Shelby of Clarksdale, MS, Mrs. Mary Hicks of Columbus, OH, Mrs. Laura Dorsey of Los Angeles, CA; and brother, Bishop Louis Henry Ford of Chicago, IL; nine step children; her grandchildren: Princess, Dutchess, Empress, Queen, and Prince Jennings; 34 step grandchildren; devoted nieces, Barbara Boudreaux, Martina Ford who aided her; a host of other nieces and nephews, daughter-in-Christ, Janice Rouise; and two godchildren, Empress Jennings and Christine Myles; and a host of relatives and friends.

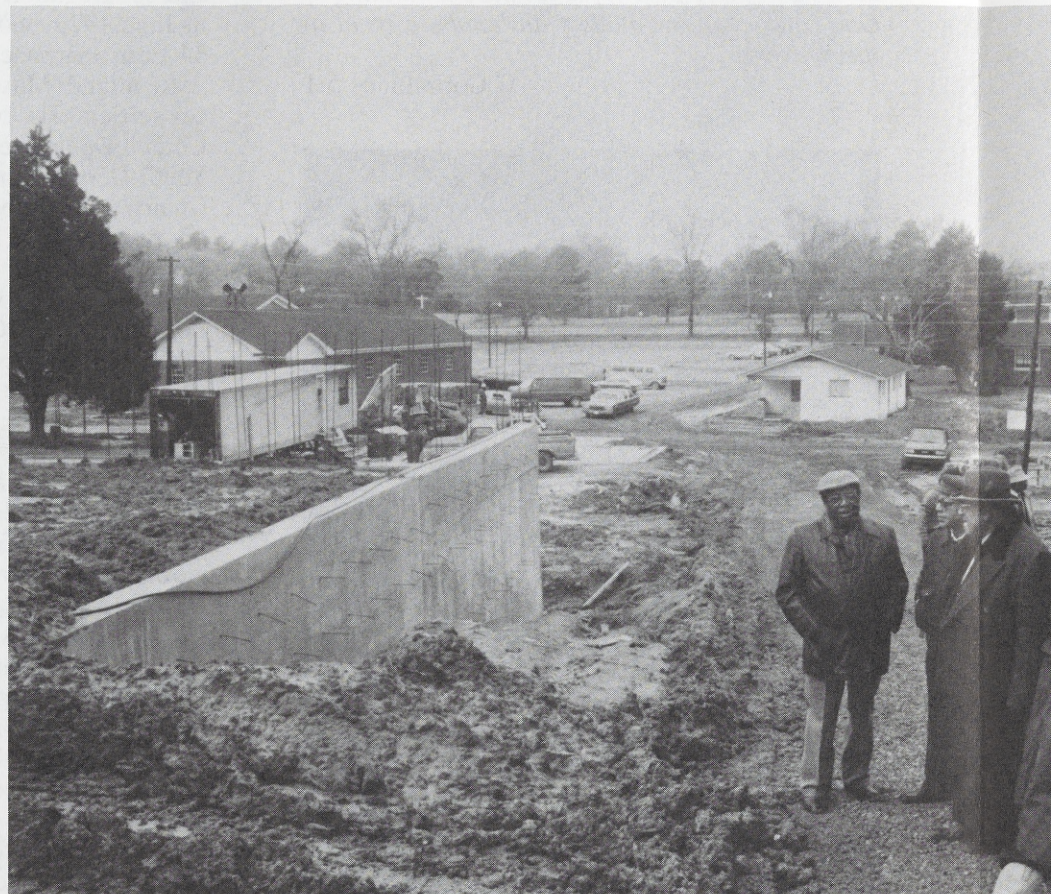
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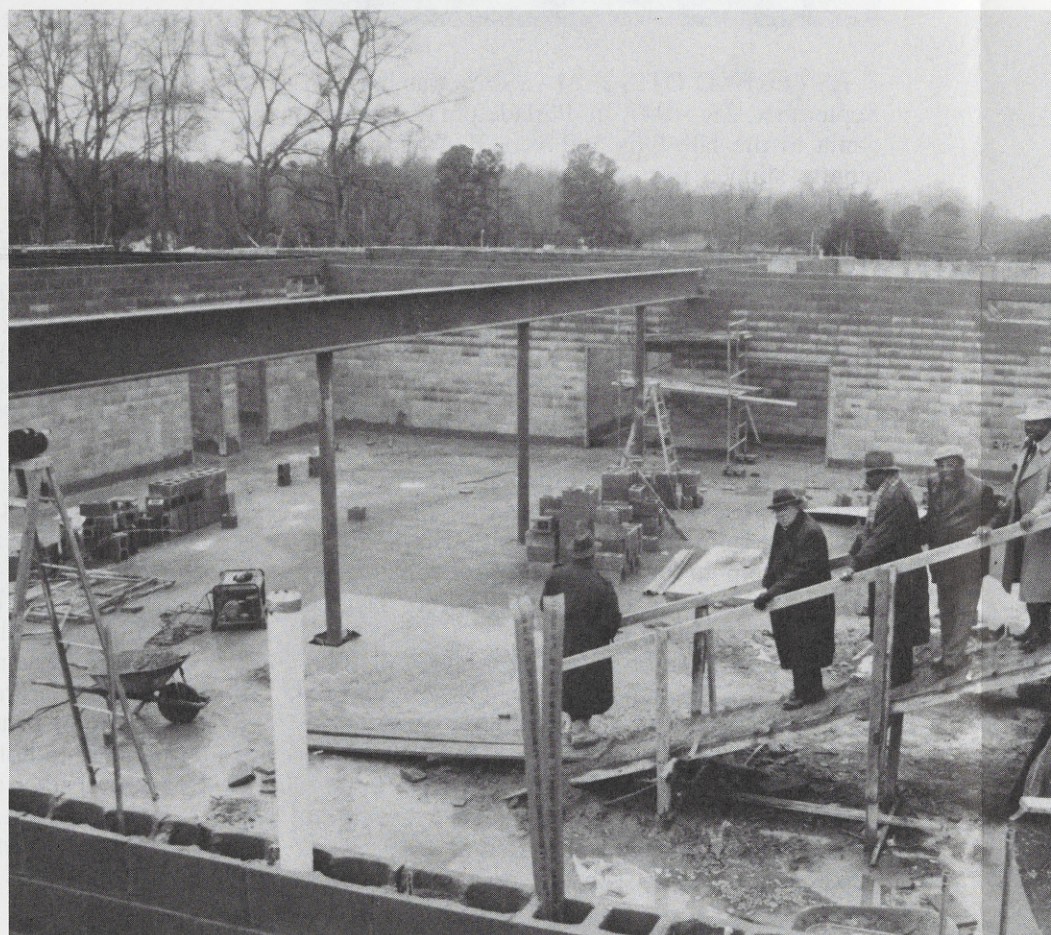
Bishop Ford and the building committee survey the Saints Campus.



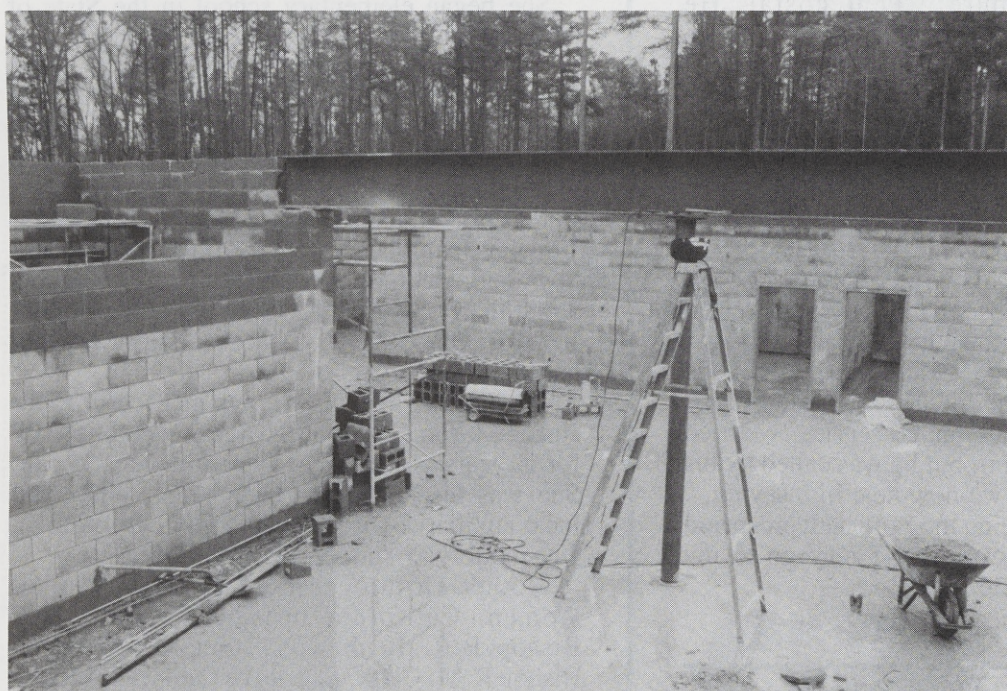
Upon Holy Hill, the group



The mud was deep and the day was cold.



Elder Jamison, chief contractor, leads the building c



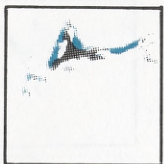
The basement's dining area and lower class rooms take shape.



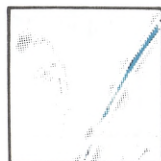
Coming down Holy Hill, the commu



The view from behind demonstrates how the building's walls are coming up.



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l, the group examined the front retaining wall.



Architect, Brother Oscar Bacon explains the design of the building.



Bishop Ford and the committee review the east wall at the first floor level.



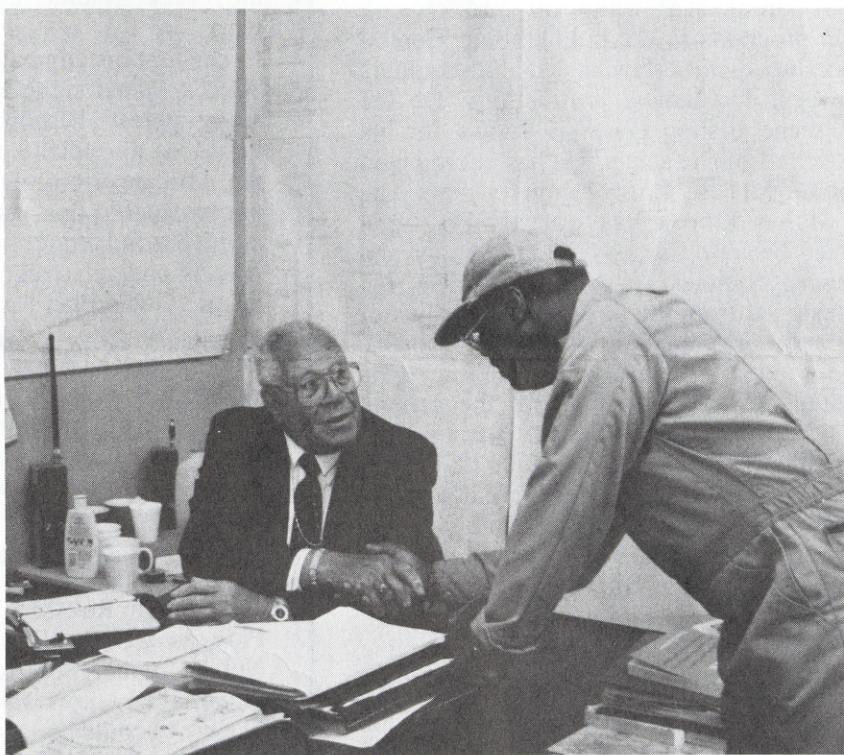
The committee stands in the basement beside the heightening walls.



the building committee down into the basement.



A worker toils with an iron rod.



l, the committee is satisfied with the progress.

BISHOP W.L. PORTER HONORED



Bishop W.L. Porter was honored by the religious, business and the general community at a gala banquet. The site was the Peabody Hotel's Skyline Ballroom and the occasion brought out hundreds of saints and well wishers. The celebration commemorated his accomplishments as founder of the Greater Community Church Of God In Christ. For years Bishop Porter has worked incessantly in behalf of the national organization, but along the way he sufficiently responded to the needs of his local community. Together with his family and his own inspired determination, he personally forged out a ministry. As one observant stated, "The newspaper cited that Greater Community had everything but members." Today, that citation is no longer a reality.

In 1971, Bishop Porter, his wife and their immediate family walked into the building at the corners of Chelsea and Dunlap, which was appraised at more than two million dollars. Bishop Porter envisioned a great work ahead. God blessed him with the ability to fill the building with programs and activities which the community at large needed. The church opened a day care center with 42 children and today the center is filled to capacity, and has more than 50 employees. In recent years the church has become a community and religious resource in North Memphis. Food stamps, utility bill payments, job training and other activities may be found there. Thousands are helped yearly. He is affectionately referred to as the "Good Shepherd of North Memphis."

During that twenty years, the bishop has also become a jurisdictional prelate and has one of the most successful financial and church extension programs in the brotherhood. Central Tennessee Jurisdiction stands head and shoulders with the best and largest jurisdictions. On the national scene Bishop Porter is known for his labor in behalf of the saints. He has coordinated the International Holy Convocation for years. The extent of his labors has not always been appreciated because the job lacked glamour and is somewhat complex. In November 1991, the bishop resigned from the position of coordinator of hotel and convention services. The chairman of the General Assembly, Dr. Frank Ellis commented, "There is nobody in the general Church who works any harder than Bishop W.L. Porter. Bishop Porter is 100% Church Of God In Christ. I have personally been to these hotels and spoke with the general managers and even the Chamber of Commerce, and they informed me there were no special arrangements with Bishop Porter. The problem is with us and not with him. I want him to know I found him to be an honorable man and we (General Assembly) owe him a debt of gratitude ..."

It was with that same sentiment in mind that people from every walk of life filled the Skyline Ballroom and celebrated the contributions of Bishop W.L. Porter. For twenty one years he has labored to build a work for Christ in Memphis. On January 1, 1991, Bishop Porter passed his pastoral torch to his son, Elder Brandon B. Porter. Now Bishop Porter is given wholly to the work of his jurisdiction and the national Church.

At the banquet, First Assistant Presiding Bishop C.D. Owens delivered the evening address. He was sterling and the night is one which Bishop Porter will long remember.

YOU CAN HAVE NEW LIFE

By
Pastor Lee A. Spight, Sr.



Pastor Lee A. Spight, Sr.

Holy Temple Church is located at 572 Clinton St., in the downtown area of Buffalo, NY.

Pastor Lee A. Spight, Sr., says: "God can give people who are lost or are in a situation of satanism and defeat, new life."

Pastor Spight's testimony and experience is: "You can have God in His fullness. He is a right now God. Life is full of all kinds of addictions, and people falling right into Satan's trap and are caught and can't find their way. Let me term these addictions as 'people addictions'." People addictions are victims of their own passion (or desires). One's passion is no more evil than one's appetite.

Passion is like energy. It can be used for good or bad purposes. When used right, passion motivates us to achieve greatness; to go beyond normal limits; to excel; to spend ourselves for others. For instance:

1. Passion motivates a caring church to feed the poor and comfort the dying.
2. Passion motivates the mother of an illiterate-disabled child to spend hours working on a single verbal skill.
3. Passion motivates a devoted husband to care for the wife he loves, suffering from a stroke caused by diabetes.

But passion has another side, turned to wrong

purposes. Passion can land someone in bed with hundreds of strangers, and leave that person with an incurable disease and a trail of broken hardships.

The root addictions that cause this passion of the negative side are:

1. Romance, Relationships, and Free Love. These are but a few of the consuming addictive pre-occupations of our culture.
2. Addictions to food, money, power, alcohol and drugs, grip millions of people in our "You can have it all society."

Therefore, Romance, Relationships, and Free Love, are the "Root Addictions" that all other addictions stem from. People craving the above, then turn to alcohol and drugs as a more acceptable way to cope with pain and emptiness.

But, after using so-called pain killers, it is soon discovered that life is not only painful and empty, but miserable, unmanageable and powerless. Then the essential question is asked in the title of Tina Turner's song. "What's Love Got To Do With It." The answer to love has nothing to do with this "compulsive behavior."

It is only the desire to fulfill the lust of the flesh. And the flesh needs to be "crucified." There is a power which was given for the "crucifixion" of the flesh.

That power can deliver you from that depression and isolation and those behavior patterns which caused one to struggle, trying to adjust from the addiction that caused them.

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SCHOLARS SUBSTANTIATE BISHOP P.A. BROOKS TEACHINGS ON "GOD'S PLAN FOR THE BLACK MAN"

In a recent article dated February 18, 1992, *Detroit News* religious writer Kate DeSmet quoted Bishop P.A. Brooks as saying, "the fact is, many instrumental people in the Bible were black people. We were reading about them, but we didn't know they were black." Bishop Brooks is pastor of Detroit's New St. Paul Tabernacle, Church Of God In Christ and creator of the nationally telecast March of Faith Broadcast which airs each Monday at 8:30 a.m. (EST) over the Black Entertainment Television (BET) network.

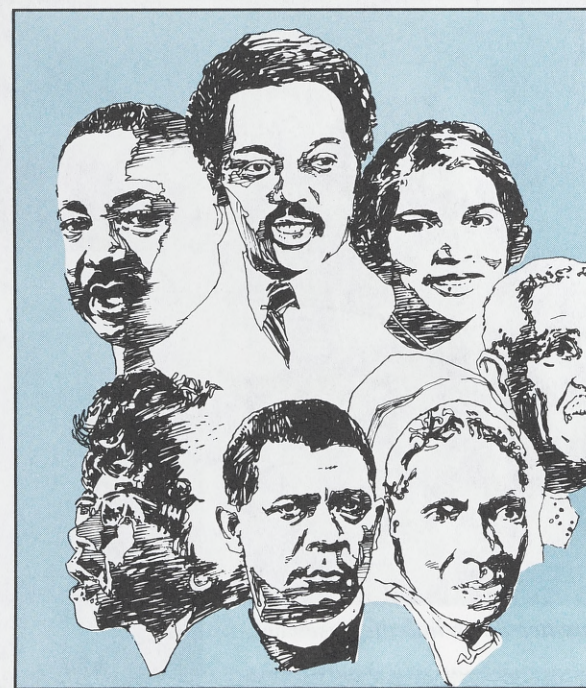
The first installment of BET programs subtitled "God's Plan for the Black Man" has generated such interest, Bishop Brooks was prompted to introduce a special 8 a.m. service which reveals the African origin of many biblical figures. It's not unusual to find visitors from others churches at the 8 a.m. service, many of whom return with friends and relatives anxious to hear first hand about "God's Plan for the Black Man."

According to Bishop Brooks, noted scholars and historians such as Cain Hope Felder of Howard University, Rev. Charles B. Copher, formerly of Atlanta's Interdenominational Theological Center and Walter McCray, Author of the two-volume book *Black Presence in the Bible* substantiate his teachings that many Old and New Testament figures were black.

The evidence leads back to Moses' family according to Rev. McCray who says, "we believe Phineas was explicitly black because of his Nubian name. So it could be implied that his grandfather Aaron was black. And if Aaron was black, we could say Moses was implicitly black." Furthermore, professor Copher says Noah's son Ham, father of Put, Egypt, Kush and Canaan were all blacks as were the people who lived in the lands named for them.

Subsequently, the land called Kush, known today as Ethiopia is mentioned extensively throughout the Old Testament. Historically inhabitants of this region are black and include the wife of Moses who is also Kushite.

Bishop Brooks is in the forefront of those in ministry circles extolling blacks' role in the Bible. However, he is quick to caution that these



teachings are in no way to be construed as racist. In fact, he points to white Evangelists such as Kenneth Copeland and Marilyn Hickey who also adhere to the black presence in the Bible. Brooks adds that increased awareness about our involvement in the Bible has even given non-christian blacks reason to search the scriptures. He adds that in more cases than not, non-believers come away debunking arguments that the Bible is the white man's religion with no practical application for blacks.

The message is currently going far beyond the pulpit and has reached the senior citizens homes, halfway houses and prisons. Bishop Brooks says "we have a responsibility in ministry to convey to African Americans that our heritage is not in the projects of urban America but in the pyramids of the Sub-Saharan deserts of northern Africa."

Bishop Brooks welcomes the opportunity to answer your questions about "God's Plan for the Black Man." For further information, please contact Public Relations Director, Harold Sullivan at (313) 835-5329 or (313) 861-9155.

PURCHASE CONSIDERED



Bishop Ford is seeking to attach all the land between the campus of Saints College and the St. Paul Church. Before the building committee went to review the work being done on the multipurpose building they assessed the property adjacent to the campus. Accompanying the committee was the president of Holmes County Bank, Mr. Doug Alridge. The brick house sits on nearly an acre of land and is one of two parcels of ground which the Saints plan to purchase.

Bishop Ford took the committee for a personal

Bishop Porter opens the door. Presiding Bishop Ford, Bishop T.T. Scott, Mr. Alridge, Elder A.Z. Hall, Elder William Dean and Bishop W.W. Sanders toured the property.

visit to the house. The owner welcomed the saints and provided fine hospitality. No actual price for the property has been agreed upon but negotiations are currently under way. This acquisition is key to the plan of Bishop Ford. He is hopeful of the Church Of God In Christ owning that entire acreage.

A MIRACLE IN THE AIR

As told by Pastor Franklin Hollie
New Hope Church Of God In Christ
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

I was a mechanic by trade in the Air Force and worked and flew in the old propeller driven planes. My job was to work on the engine, and I knew something about those engines. We had one engine that was called a magneta that produced the sparks set on the spark plugs so the cylinder would fire. We had one that just wouldn't run right. We just had to shut it down while in flight. That was the normal procedure, to shut down and run off the other three engines.

But we had some more trouble. We had to shut another engine down. Things were getting a little critical. The pilot asked the engineer could we fire the other one we shut down. The engineer said, "Sir, it won't run right." The pilot said, "We've got to do something; we can't stay airborne on two engines. We've got too much cargo." I heard them talking on the intercom down stairs. My job was to flight scan and make sure things were running right, and looking right. It was a huge airplane called C-124, a cargo plane. I heard the engineer say, "Sir, it won't run right." I said, "Lord, you know where I'm at. I'm your child. Pilot says he needs another engine. Engineer says it won't run right. But God you can do all things. Now I don't know what you're going to do about this, but I'm calling on you to do something about this situation," was my prayer.

I heard the pilot say, "Engineer, you got to try."

He answered, "Sir, it won't run right." He said, "You've got to try it; we're losing altitude."

He fired it up and I was praying.

He turned it on many times thereby making sure the oil was flowing into the engine. He turned the ignition on expecting an explosion. And that thing coughed a few times, Chug-a-lug a few times, then fired up. I said, "Lord, now keep it running good; keep it running good." They fired it up and boosted it up to power, and it was just as smooth, just like someone had overhauled it.

On the airplane we had an engine analyzer scope, it looked like a small television. That plane's engines - if I remember correctly - had seven banks of cylinders, four rows, fifty six spark plugs, two per cylinder. The analyzer was a type you could turn all the way around and check every spark plug. When the engineer checked it, he said, "I can't figure this out. I had checked them, they wouldn't fire, all of them. But now, every last one of them is firing according to the book." I said, "Lord, I thank You!"

We landed, taxied in, and the inspectors were out there. They looked and saw all three engines running and another one was shut down. He thought we had made a mistake, possibly called in the wrong engine. He came up in the airplane and said, "I thought you called in such and such an engine is shut down."

The pilot answered, "We did, but we forget to call back in and tell you we had started it up."

He said, "Well, what's wrong with it?"

"We don't know right now, but you go ahead and check it. It wasn't firing right at first," the pilot stated.

They went out and took the cover off the magneta, where the spark was produced. When he took it off he said, "Whoa, no wonder, now we know why it wasn't firing right." So I looked in there. "Now, wait a minute; I'm a mechanic. I'm not the inspector, but I'm a mechanic, this can't fire! It should have a cam in there, the cam has disintegrated!" I commented.

They said, "It can't run, there's nothing in there which could turn, and open up the points to get fire. 'The cam is gone!'" the inspector said. "It's impossible for this engine to run!" the engineer said.

I was standing there saying, "Lord, I thank You!! Glory to God!!"

God had fifty-six spark plugs firing without the proper mechanism to cause firing. Glory to God!!

Submitted by: Missionary Mary Lou Parker

TINA BROWN RITES



The epitaph of this faithful and dedicated servant, Donatine "Tina" Conerly Brown would read "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the Faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Tina, as she was affectionately called, was born out of love to Ivey and Hattie Conerly on November 11, 1952. She was the seventh of eleven children; her father, Ivey and two siblings, Donnie Ray and Otis, preceded her in death.

Tina's parents informed her "education is the master key which unlocks the doors of opportunity." She was educated in the Orleans Parish School System and graduated from George Washington Carver High School.

Tina began her relationship with the Lord early in life. She received the baptism of the Holy Ghost at the age of fourteen. It was evident that Tina loved the Lord and was faithful to Him. She enjoyed praising the Lord with the saints and eagerly anticipated revivals.

Tina realized God was preparing her as a special "help meet" therefore, she prayed fervently for this cause. Her prayers were answered when she was united in Holy Matrimony to Charles Edward Brown, eminent pastor of Full Gospel Church Of God In Christ. Tina's greatest joy and first priority was serving as wife and mother to her husband and three children, Charles II (Chuckie), Dawn

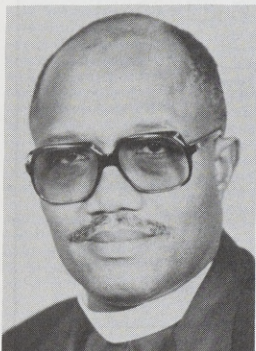
Marie and Chad Everett. Her love had no boundaries, which she extended to her foster daughter, JoAnn Holmes.

Tina was her husband's greatest source of inspiration. Because of her love, patience and sacrifice, Full Gospel, the most progressive and fastest growing church in Louisiana would not be where it is today. As a result of her in-depth study of God's word, many souls have been won to the kingdom of God through her spirit-filled teaching and ministering.

Tina gained the respect and admiration throughout the country as she ministered to the ministers' wives. Also, she travelled extensively with her husband as they ministered effectively at marriage seminars, workshops and retreats. She has served in various capacities which include: Administrative Assistant, Director of Personnel, Director of Family Counseling, Director of Women's Ministry, Altar Worker, Member of the Ministerial Team, Director of Christian Women's Fellowship, Ministry of Help, Church School Teacher, Praise and Worship Leader, Deaconess and Choir Director.

On Wednesday, November 20, 1991, one we knew of and loved, stepped across the threshold that we call "death," but, it was only a step into another room. She stepped into one of the rooms of our father's house. Therefore, the story ends; Tina is absent from the body and present with the Lord. Well it's a chapter ended, a page turned, a life well lived and a rest well earned. Tina leaves to cherish her memories, her loving and devoted husband, Charles Edward Brown; three caring children, Charles II, Dawn Marie and Chad Brown; one foster daughter, JoAnn Holmes; a faithful mother, Missionary Hattie Conerly; a father-in-law, Superintendent Jerry Brown, Sr.; a mother-in-law, Mary Catherine Brown; three brothers, George Edward of Franklinton, LA, Charles and Lonnie of Los Angeles, CA; six sisters, Iva C. Sponner, Mildred C. Jourdan, Maythel C. Gardner, Judy C. Slack of New Orleans, La, Nora C. Kelly and Betty Conerly of Los Angeles, CA; three godchildren, Bridget Spooner, Jeremiah Brown and Bernice Lewis; the congregation of Full Gospel COGIC; sister-in-laws; brother-in-laws; a host of aunts; uncles; nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends along with her confidant, Laura Brown-Clark.

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Bishop M.J. Sykes

"And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him saying, Come over into Macedonia and Help us." Acts 16:9

"Then said he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." St. Matthew 9:37-38 ...Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest.

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Madame Mattie Wiggley, International Vice President of the Music Department, was given due recognition during the 84th International Holy Convocation. Sister Wiggley has spent a life time promoting and performing gospel music. The massive crowd at the pre-musical activities gave her a standing ovation during the presentation. Pictured with her is Madame Emily Braham Bibby and Brother Eugene Philips.

OBITUARY-RUSSAW



Elder Frank D. Russaw was born August 30, 1912 in Central Oklahoma to Thomas and Amanda Russaw. His parents, ten brothers and sisters and one daughter preceded him death. Elder Russaw chose to follow Jesus in his youth and early in life was called to be a minister and later an evangelist, traveling extensively throughout the United States.

Working as a pastor and evangelist of the Church Of God In Christ, he became known as the "Oklahoma Footsman." His last pastorates were at Independence and Coffeyville in Kansas, and a suburb area of Phoenix, Arizona.

He was married to Eddie Mae Hill of East Chicago, Indiana, May 26, 1971, in Chicago, Illinois.

He was faithful to his calling and was in a revival at the Mother Church now known as Young Memorial Church Of God In Christ, having preached the night before his passing. He expired January 31, 1992, in Kansas City, Kansas.

Surviving him are his beloved wife, Eddie Mae; one son, Yusif H. Bey of Cleveland, Ohio; three daughters, Ruthie Roseboro of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Barbara Russaw and Patricia Gibson of Los Angeles, California; two sisters, Ann lee of Cleveland, Ohio, and Gertrude Pullens of Phoenix, Arizona; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a large group of relatives and friends.

*His work speaks for him,
He touched many lives,
He shall live forever in our hearts.*

The Family

COLES REMEMBERED



A strong, loving and giving heart was stilled in the afternoon hours of January 16, 1992, and a faithful servant has left the battlefield and gone on to his reward.

Sylvester Coles was born April 10, 1899, in Money, Mississippi to Kisie and Mathew Coles, the ninth of ten children. Soon thereafter, he traveled with his family to Cleveland, Ohio, fleeing white brutality. He was the last survivor.

Bishop S.C. Coles was spirit lead by the Holy Ghost. He was called to the ministry in the Church Of God In Christ in March, 1919, in Greenwood, Mississippi. He was ordained in 1921, after which he was called to pastor a church in Princeton, West Virginia. He returned to Money, Mississippi, and was joined in Holy Matrimony to Miss Willie Brown, on December 7, 1922. To this union was born three sons, Commodore, Isadore, and Sylvester. He was a devoted husband for fifty-four years. Mother Willie Coles passed away in March, 1976.

In 1929, the family moved to Detroit, Michigan and became members of the Wilkins Street Church Of God In Christ. Between 1934 and 1938, he was assigned to congregations in Albion, Flint, Port Huron and Battle Creek. He continued to pastor in Battle Creek and Flint for over a quarter of a century.

In 1938, he was appointed State Sunday School Superintendent of the State of Michigan and traveled far and wide with the motto, "A child saved, is a soul saved plus a life." Being consistent in his spiritual life in 1952, he was appointed Overseer and Bishop of Providence of Ontario, Canada. In 1958, he was appointed pastor of Lansing Church Of God In Christ giving strong leadership and remained for 27 years until health failed in 1984, when he became Pastor Emeritus.

He was a man constant in prayer who exhibited qualities as an outstanding conciliator. He served leadership capacities in many areas both civic and spiritual. He was first Chairman of the Constitutional Convention Churches Of God In Christ, Inc. (1968-1970); bestowed a Doctorate of Divinity degree from Trinity College; member of Board of Directors of Saints Junior College, Lexington, Mississippi; President Ministerial Alliance, Lansing, Michigan (1964); member of Board of Directors Lansing Urban League (1968); Past Chaplain State of Michigan Legislature. He served with distinction, uplifting the name of the Lord on numerous boards and committees making a difference in the quality of life for all who knew him. His leadership ability is responsible for building this edifice on Wise Road.

In 1984, due to failing health he lived with his sons in Detroit and Flint and attended church when able. God's words were his constant utterances and Ezekiel 18:4 was repeated many times daily, "Behold all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine, the soul that sinneth, it shall die."

He leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his life, three sons, Commodore and wife Bernice of Flint, Michigan, Isadore and wife Helen of Detroit, and Sylvester of Los Angeles, California; thirteen grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and Christian friends.